## UTAH: Comment deadline extended in Qwest wire center case

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The Public Service Commission agreed to an extension requested by the Division of Public Utilities to file objections to and other comments regarding Qwest Corp.'s petition for approval of the carrier's 2007 additions to its nonimpaired wire center list. Objections to the proposed additions and comments are now due on Sept. 7.

The division requested the extension because it needed additional time to perform a physical inspection of the collocations claimed at the two wire centers that are the subject of Qwest's filing.

In late June, Qwest submitted the updated list and supporting data to the PSC for approval. Subsequently, Qwest and several competitive local exchange carriers submitted a joint settlement resolving issues regarding the impairment status of Qwest wire centers throughout the state. The commission earlier this month approved the settlement, which provides timelines intended to govern requests for commission approval of additions to the nonimpaired wire center list.

The settlement specifies a methodology which parties have agreed will determine nonimpairment or tier designations -- including how to count business lines and fiber-based collocators, and the process by which additions to the nonimpaired wire center list would occur in the future. (Docket 07-049-30)